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1. The following observations were made in the Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) area on 22 and 23 November 1949:

a. Kriegsschule (capacity: about 2,500 troops) on Pappelallee and Kirschallee: (1)

occupied by about 1,500 troops of units of various branches of service. Soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, were observed.

(1) Motor vehicles:

Trucks

Trucks

Passenger Cars:

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(2) Biplanes, allegedly courier aircraft, were always parked in the Kaserne area. Departing biplanes were seen heading north. The aircraft were fueled from tank truck _____

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b. Adolf Hitler Kaserne (capacity: about 1,500 troops) on Pappelallee and Nedlitzerstrasse: (2)

occupied by about 1,000 troops of units of various branches of service.

(1) Motor vehicles:

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c. Jaeger Kaserne (capacity: about 1,800 troops) on Jaegerallee (3): occupied by 700 to 800 troops of units of various branches of service.

(1) Motor vehicles:

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[redacted] passenger car
truck
truck

d. Former military post hospital (used as hospital, also) on Appelallee (4):

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Ambulances [redacted] were observed there.

e. Artillery Kaserne (capacity: about 2,000 troops) on Hedlitzerstrasse, north of Pfingstberg (5):

(1) occupied by artillery units of about 1,500 troops. Twelve guns of about 150 mm caliber were in a garage behind the Kaserne buildings. Three more guns of the same caliber were towed by prime movers to Bornstedter Feld. Three masts with antennae were in the center of the Kaserne area.

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(2) There was little motor vehicle traffic. [redacted]

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[redacted]

f. quarters (two Kaserne buildings and one garage) opposite the Artillerie Kaserne (6):

occupied by artillery and signal troops.

(1) Trucks

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[redacted]

g. Former Ludendorff Kaserne (capacity: about 4,000 troops) on Hedlitzerstrasse and Jungfernssee (7):

occupied by units of about 2,500 troops, including an artillery unit quartered in the northern Kaserne section.

(1) Trucks

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[redacted]

h. A radio station with four antenna masts around a small cantonment building was on the southern perimeter of Bornstedter Feld, between the Nachrichten Kaserne and Adolf Hitler Kaserne.

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2. a. On 16 November 1949 it was observed that an AA gun emplacement in the former Red-Cross area had been vacated.

b. About 100 recruits were observed to arrive in Potsdam and march to the former Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz (N 53/Z 64), on 28 November 1949.

c. On 29 November 1949 it was learned that, in the Garde Ulanen Kaserne on Pappelallee, a unit with red epaulets had been replaced by a signal unit whose personnel wore black epaulets with the wheel-and-lightning insignia.

(1) It was observed in early December 1949 that prisoners wearing civilian clothes were daily brought to a newly established jail in the yard of the Garde Ulanen Kaserne (6).

d. Six caterpillar tractors towing guns of about 180 mm caliber moved from the direction of Nedlitz toward Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65) on 29 November 1949.

e. The following information on kasernes in the Potsdam area was obtained on 7 and 8 December 1949:

(1) Kasernes in Nedlitz (7):

Occupied by about 1,000 troops. Trucks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and ambulances [REDACTED]

were observed.

(2) Former Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz (8):

Occupied to capacity by about 1,300 troops.

(3) General Jever Kaserne, Potsdam-Liche (9):

Occupied by artillery units of 800 to 1,000 men.

(a) The units were said to have recently been reinforced. Troops were restricted to quarters.

(b) Trucks

[REDACTED]

3. The panzer Kaserne in Krampnitz was occupied to capacity on 15 December 1949 (8). About 150 soldiers from the Kaserne made a practice attack on the nearby terrain. Instruction officers wore tank insignia.

a. Passenger cars:

[REDACTED]

b. No heavy weapons were observed.

[REDACTED] comment:

Nine of the 23 kasernes and quartering objects known in the Potsdam area were mentioned in the report.

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The following information on the designation, condition, location and occupation of these kasernes is available:

- []
- a: Reported names of object
 - b: Condition of object
 - c: Location of object
 - d: Occupation by former German units
 - e: Present occupation ?.

- (1)
 - a. Kriegsschule
 - b. Undamaged
 - c. SW corner of Bornstedter Feld, on Kirschallee, corner of Pappelallee
 - d. Officer candidate school
 - e. Headquarters elements of Group of Occupation Forces, Germany (GOFG), about 1,500 men, including many officers.
- (2)
 - a. Adolf Hitler Kaserne or Infanterie Kaserne
 - b. Undamaged
 - c. am Schragen, northern side of Pappelallee
 - d. 9th Rifle Regt (II Bn and Regt Hq)
 - e. Headquarters elements of GOFG including Quarter-master section.
- (3)
 - a. Jaeger Kaserne or former Polizei Kaserne
 - b. Undamaged
 - c. Western side of Jaegerallee
 - d. 9th Rifle Regt (III Bn)
 - e. CH units, including guard troops.
- (4)
 - a. Garnisonslazarett or Ruinenberg Kaserne (?)
 - b. Undamaged
 - c. Southern side of Pappelallee and Jaegerallee
 - d. 23rd Arty Regt (elements) former German military post hospital
 - e. GOFG, Rear Service unit, including hospital
- (5)
 - a. Neue Artillerie Kaserne or Pfingstberg Kaserne
 - b. Completely reconstructed
 - c. Eastern side of Medlitzerstrasse, north of Pfingstberg
 - d. 23rd Arty Regt (one battalion)
 - e. GOFG, Headquarters elements and 2d Gds 1st Div units.
- (6)
 - a. Former Garde Ulanen Kaserne or Hohenlohe Kaserne
 - b. Undamaged
 - c. Southern side of Pappelallee, between Ruinenberg and Brandhorstweg
 - d. 4th Cav Regt and elements of the 23rd Arty Regt
 - e. Gasoline filling station and Rear Service units of GOFG, including a signal unit and a military prison.

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- (7) a. Alte Artillerie Kaserne or
Ludendorff Kaserne or
Jungfernssee Kaserne
- b. Undamaged
- c. Eastern side of Nedlitzerstrasse, south of Nedlitz
South Bridge
- d. 23rd Arty Regt (one battalion)
- e. GOFG Rear Service units (including a hospital) and
2d Gas AAA Div units.
- (8) a. Kavallerie Schule or
Hueres Reit- und Fahrschule or
Panzerkaserne Grampnitz
- b. Undamaged
- c. West of Grampnitz
- d. Army riding and driving school
- e. GHQ units, 16th Cds Tank Div (Cadre) units and pro-
bably 1st Recz Div units.
- (9) a. Luftnachrichten Kaserne or
General Wever Kaserne or
Kaserne GOLL
- b. ?
- c. In Rotsdam-Bolm, east of the railroad line to Ehren-
pfortenberg
- d. German Air Force units
- e. Artillery units, [REDACTED]

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